

WILLARD IS 'UNDER COVER'— DEMPSEY HAS NO DEFENSE, IS TOMMY RYAN'S OPINION

Man Who Trained Jeffries Says It's Hard to Get Line on Jess, That He's Either "Punk" or Is Not Exerting Himself, and That Jack Isn't Hard to Hit—First Round Will Tell Who'll Win, He Thinks.

By Robert Edgren.

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TOLEDO, Ohio, June 28.

JACK DEMPSEY and Jess Willard both had an easy day at their training camps yesterday. These lads like to keep something in reserve for to-day and to-morrow's bargain counter rush. Saturday and Sunday crowds not only fill the roads between the camps and the single road that leads out from Toledo, but jam the canvas inclosures around the Willard and Dempsey rings and overflow into the vacant lots all around. During the past few days the crowds have grown so that every day is like Sunday, and the managers are wondering what they're going to do to handle the would-be spectators next week.

Yesterday Toledo spread far all over the one road leading to the arena and the camps so that automobiles had to go several miles around to reach them at all. This helped keep the crowds down, but in spite of it, both Jack and Jess worked before four or five thousand people.

Willard is going along in the same old way, slapping and tapping, clinching and wrestling, leaning and loosing through the same old eight rounds with the same old bunch of punch picked sparring partners.

It isn't Willard's fault that the boys can't stand his pace, so he lets up and makes it as easy for them as he can. He can't hit hard because he'd knock his training staff out in four rounds—all of it. So he doesn't show a thing in the world.

Tommy Ryan, famous middleweight champion of years ago, visited the camp yesterday and had his first glimpses of the two men in action. Ryan says he can't get line on Willard.

"Willard is either punk or he isn't exerting himself," said Ryan. "It looks to me as if he is satisfied with his condition, and he isn't showing anybody what he has in reserve. You could look at him all day without getting a line on him. I know that Willard can box if he wants to, because he had a good straight left and a good right uppercut when he didn't know anything else. If he isn't showing a good punch now it must be because he doesn't care to. Willard looks a little soft, but he's a great big fellow and any man will have to move him around to beat him. It looks to me as if it might be some job to move him. This is only twelve rounds, and he doesn't need the same condition to go through with it that he would for a twenty-round fight. He moves slow, but you can't tell anything by that. He hasn't any reason to move fast with the sparring partners he has here. It might be a good thing for him to have a tougher bunch, but I guess he knows what he is doing. He may have a good reason for not showing what he'll have for the fight. I think he's under cover, and any man as big as he will be a hard man to beat."

After seeing Dempsey train, Tommy Ryan said Jack is as nearly in perfect condition as any athlete can be.

"He has no defense at all," he said, "but he moves fast and hits hard. I think Willard can hit him. After looking them both over I'd do my picking at the end of the first round. That will pretty nearly tell who's going to win."

Curiously enough, that seems to be the mental attitude toward the fight of nearly every sporting man who has come to Toledo. They come from all over the world, and when they arrive they have a sure winner. But when they're been to the camps a couple of times, and have studied both men, they're up in the air. Dempsey looks in perfect shape, and shows his wares in every round fought with his sparring partners. Willard looks very good, well browned by the sun, healthy, just a trifle thick-waisted, but at this date hardly more so than he was at Havana, and perhaps a little less roundly muscled than at Havana. He doesn't seem to take his training very seriously, but laughs and jokes through it and paws and slaps as if it was all a circus performance.

Comparing the training work of the two men you would pick Dempsey as the dangerous factor in the fight. But there is always the feeling that Willard has a lot he doesn't care to show. The reserve strength and hitting power that he has always brought out when hurt in a bout is well known. So is his defensive skill.

"He whipped Jack Johnson all the way," says Tommy Ryan, "and I can imagine what Johnson would have done to a wide-open boxer like Dempsey."

Johnson's Old Manager Picks Jess to Win.

Of course here there's room for a difference of opinion, too. A lot of people who have watched Dempsey through his training here think that Dempsey is the ring at Havana would have cleaned up Johnson in less than half a dozen rounds.

Capt. Tom Flanagan of Canada, who acted as Johnson's manager at Reno and at Havana purely for the fun of it, thinks that Johnson was as good as ever for ten rounds. Flanagan arrived yesterday noon.

"I'll tell you," said Flanagan, "Johnson knew he could fight as well as ever for ten rounds, and knew he'd tire if the fight went longer. He knew he had to win in ten rounds, and in the first ten he fought with desperation and hit Willard with everything he knew how to use, and didn't even knock the big fellow back. He couldn't hurt Willard, and if Johnson couldn't do it, no 200-pound man is going to do it in a short twelve-round fight. I can't see any one but Willard as a possible winner unless the fight is decided on points. I don't think Willard can have gone back far enough to let any 200-pound man stop him."

"I never could understand why Johnson gave out a statement that he laid down in the Havana fight. He laid down when Willard knocked him out, and there never was any other way he would lie down. He fought desperately and did everything in the world to knock Willard out. He couldn't do it. He shot his bolt and Willard finished him. That's the whole story of the fight."

Charlie White Thinks Willard a Cinch.

Charlie White of Chicago doesn't see how anybody can trouble Willard much in a fight of any duration.

"He's too big and strong, and he hits too straight and knows too much to be beaten," said White when he had seen Willard work.

Willard has not been on the scales for several days, for publication. He comes downtown in the forenoon as usual, sits in the hotel lobby and shakes hands and exchanges jokes with new arrivals, and the only thing that seemed to worry him in the least has been the referee matter.

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, wasn't consulted in the matter of judges at the ringside. From the beginning he wanted to have a referee give the sole decision. He selected several names from the referee list submitted, and said he was satisfied that any one of the bunch would be fair and competent. Willard flatly refused to consider any one but Tex Rickard. Willard is suspicious. He trusts few people. Jess has said all along that the only man who could referee for him would be some one who couldn't possibly afford to make any mistake in rendering a decision. He picked Tex Rickard as his one and only candidate, and when the local boxing commission flatly demanded that Ollie Peacor be third man in the ring, and Willard found that he'd have either to accept Peacor or pack his little trunk and go back to Kansas, leaving that \$100,000 behind, Jess knuckled under. But he did insist upon having Rickard as one of the judges, and had his way.

The Board of Boxing Control had very little to say in the matter. The only men named by the board who will actually serve are A. Drexel Biddle, a judge, and J. Warren Barbour, time keeper. These two should give quite a society flavor to the event. Ollie Peacor, referee, isn't a magnet. At present, Ohio having gone dry, Ollie is without his old vocation. But the two judges and the time keeper will represent many millions of iron men. Tex Rickard is now a millionaire, with his oil and cattle interests, not to mention the pocket money he will gather with the big show on the Fourth. A. Drexel Biddle is reputed to be worth money, and Warren Barbour is of a millionaire family. Some claim.

Ad Thacher has gotten up a list of preliminaries that will keep the crowd interested or amused from 5 o'clock in the morning, when the arena gates open, until 3 or 4 in the afternoon, when the big men are to enter the ring. The street railway lines are gathering extra cars to help take care of the crowd, and launches and ferries and tugs will take people from Toledo and land them within a hundred yards of the battleground. Every man in Toledo will be going taxi service. The hotels are full of visitors.

One bunch of fight fans has just arrived from Manila. This is beginning to rival the Jeffries-Johnson bout, which drew at least one fan from Manila.

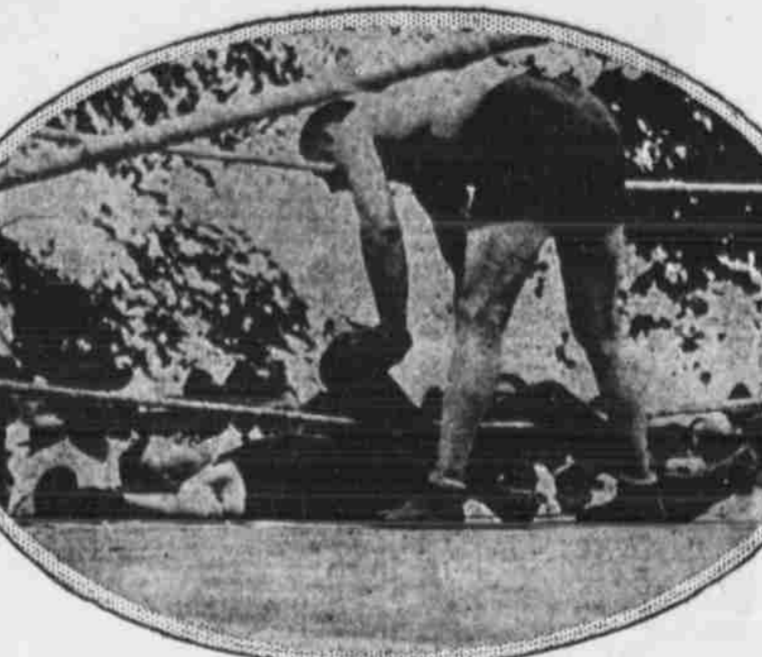
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LATEST TRAINING BOUTS OF BOTH FIGHTERS

(Snapshots taken at Toledo by Robt. Edgren and carried East by airplane mail route.)



TATE TRYING TO HOLD DEMPSEY.



HEINEN KNOCKED OUT BY WILLARD.



DEMPSEY GETS UNDER TATES, STRAIGHT LEFT.

PHYSICAL COMPARISON OF CHAMPION AND CHALLENGER

JESS WILLARD.	JACK DEMPSEY.
27	34
5 feet, 6 1/2 inches	5 feet, 6 inches
13 1/2 inches	13 1/2 inches
45 inches	45 inches
49 1/2 inches	49 1/2 inches
17 1/2 inches	17 1/2 inches
40 inches	40 inches
17 inches	17 inches
11 inches	11 inches
16 1/4 inches	16 1/4 inches
10 inches	10 inches

Madden Bred Colt Sold For \$25,000, Races Like Year's Juvenile Champion

Brookholt Scores Easiest Kind of Victory First Time Sent to Post.

By Vincent Treanor.

JOHN E. MADDEN, the noted breeder of thoroughbreds, must have sat back and laughed when he read the early racing season reports of this great two-year-old colt and that great two-year-old filly and the championship claims made for them after what looked like particularly good performances. All the while he must have known that right in his own stable he had at least one which could beat them all, ready to do it in his own colors when called upon, or in the silks of any one who would buy the youngster. And so it happened that as late as yesterday in the rain and mud which prevailed, long after such prospective champions as Cinderella, Old Gold, Dominique, Bonnie Mary, Toujours, Upset and Wildair had been shown at their best, Madden trotted out a brand new colt, Brookholt, by name which has all the earmarks of the juvenile of the year. That he is a horse extraordinary was shown not only by his impressive victory at first asking but by the price, said to be \$25,000, that Montford Jones, in whose colors the colt ran yesterday, only recently paid Madden for him.

Madden loves a good horse as well as anybody and has the hankering after Hopeful Stakes and Futurities the same as other owners and trainers but primarily he is a breeder and a salesman. He will sell anything he breeds if the price suits him. Long before the sixth race yesterday everybody seemed to know about the good thing in the last event. It was Brookholt, a chestnut son of Ballot and Gracilla, which was said to be a speed marvel. As Maxey Hirsch said, he can run as fast as a horse is asked to run. When the betting on the race opened the opinion of Hirsch and others who seemed to know all about Brookholt, was reflected by his price, 2 to 5, against a horse which had never raced, and in treacherous going. No one could afford to bet against such an animal, but some of course did, figuring that something might happen to him at the post, he may not get away, or any one of the bunch might other things might happen to him. However, Madden and the colt's new owner minimized the chances of bad racing luck. They engaged Johnny Loftus to ride him and with a horse under him it is a well known fact that Johnny rarely makes mistakes.

In the parade to the post, Brookholt looked all that had been previously heard about him. He sure had racy appearances to recommend him. When it came to running, Brookholt performed impressively. He broke the front shortly after the start and just loped along and at the end was only galloping, hard held by Loftus. His win was perhaps one of the easiest scored by any two-year-old this season, his manner of finishing suggesting that he could have walked away from anything that might have challenged him. Unless Jimmy Rowe has a wonder in his barn, or Man o' War, a cracker-jack himself, continues to improve in his racing, Brookholt just about has a mortgage on the juvenile title and is a sure thing to come, especially those who are decided at Saratoga.

Jim McClelland started a supposedly good one against Brookholt in Rory O'More, and he was well played to be "right there." Although he has shown well in muddy trials, he never showed a wonder in the race. He seemed to flounder badly and all the whip persuasion used by Shuttinger was of no avail. The nearest to Brookholt at the end were Furrough and Buckle, two outsiders in the betting market.

Recount after many disappointments finally got into a spot where

AQUEDUCT SELECTIONS.
First Race—Camoufleur, Startling, Pickwick.
Second Race—No selections.
Third Race—Man o' War, Bonnie Mary, Hold Over Heist.
Fourth Race—Naturalist, Tippley, Witchet, Star Master.
Fifth Race—N. K. Beal, Basin, Torchbearer.
Sixth Race—American Boy, Link Boy, Roseland.

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To Revive Polo Championships.
At its annual meeting last winter, the Polo Association voted to start up club tournaments but not to attempt to renew the national championships until the mixture, due to the war, had been straightened out. Now, however, the committee, at a special meeting called by H. L. Herbert and William A. Hazard, has voted to play the championships at the Philadelphia Country Club, Balt. Penn., beginning on Sept. 15.

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Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

George Carpenter, the heavyweight champion of France, is not going to fight at the big boxing tournament held in conjunction with the Inter-Allied games at Pershing Stadium in France. Carpenter was to be a member of the French boxing team which was to have taken part in the big event and his retirement from his team has been a severe blow to the Frenchmen. Carpenter claims he injured his hand while training for the bout, but the chances are that the pugilist, realizing he could make big money by engaging in a real battle, decided to withdraw from the tourney and gave as an excuse that he had injured his hand.

Charles Eitzinger, the light promoter of Allen, Pa., has signed up Jack McCarren, the heavy light heavyweight of that city, to meet Frank Osborne, the Italian fighter of this city, for a fifteen round bout, to be fought at Allentown on the morning of July 4. The show begins at 10 A. M. Six other six round bouts will also be staged. Both Osborne and McCarren are slugs.

Jackie Clark is another fighter who claims the middleweight championship of the A. C. P. Clark recently returned from France, where he did some fighting with Uncle Sam's boys. He is ready to fight again and has been matched to meet Bill Martin, the dead end, in a twelve round bout to a decision at New Bedford, Mass., on the night of July 14.

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Yanks to Play Double-Headers With Red Sox To-Day and Monday

To-Morrow Only One Game Is Carded Between the Old Rivals.

By Bozeman Bulger.

HAVING twice been cheated of their pray by the rain, the Yanks will attempt to resume their rise this afternoon with two games against the Red Sox. The first will begin at 1:30 o'clock instead of the usual hour of two. There are five games to play with the Bostonians before they get away and Harry Sparrow has planned a rather vigorous schedule for the potential champions. There will be a double header to-day, a Sunday game to-morrow and another double-header on Monday. The result will be largely a test of endurance.

The Yanks have somewhat of an edge on Boston in the matter of pitchers and they are usually the deciding factor in one of those heaped up series. Huggins is now equipped with six pitchers, any one of them able to start this afternoon. They are Thormahlen, Shawkey, Quinn, Russell, Shore and Schneider. In addition he has Nelson, Morgridge and O'Doul for a wrecking crew. There should be no apprehension about weakness in the reserve line.

The Red Sox, who have been visiting in our city for two days, are unusually high in morale and esprit de corps, due to the trade with the Athletics which gave them Maurice Shannon and Bobby Roth. The addition of these two youngsters has given the whole club a new life. Both new players will appear in the game this afternoon.

Coincidental with the delight of the Red Sox the Athletics are equally pleased over having again acquired title to Amos Strunk and Jack Barry.

In a mighty nice letter Mr. Willing writes to inform this column that the play of Tris Speaker, by which he sneaks up behind second and takes a throw from the catcher to nab a runner advanced on the sacrifice hit, is not new at all. "We played it years ago," says Mr. Willing, "but it appears to have been forgotten in recent campaigns." That's why it is good, perhaps. Anyway, we are obliged to Mr. Willing for the information. I might add that we used to do it ourselves when I played on "The Little Potatoes Hard to Peel" down in Alabama. I always thought it should have been, though.

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